

ABSTRACT
(Figure 1)

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This invention relates to an operator unit for an X-ray examining apparatus.

For identification of the individual operator, a digital code that is assigned to each operator individually is entered into an operating system by means of an operating field. The disadvantage of this type of input includes the fact that 5 different operators can log onto the operating system by using the same digital code without the operating system detecting the difference, and thus individual compilation of statistics for each operator may be falsified.

According to the present invention, however, a uniquely identifiable identification system is incorporated into an X-ray examining apparatus or into 10 this system, so that each operator (6) can log onto the operating system only with his or her own individual identification means (4, 4.1). The identification means (4, 4.1) is read and optionally rewritten by a counterpart device (3, 3.1) of the identification system. Upon leaving the operating system, an operator (6) is automatically logged off by way of removing the identification device (4, 4.1), or by 15 way of exiting from a defined local area (N) around the X-ray examining apparatus, and the operating system is then ready for access by another operator (6).